GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1365
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FREIGHT CORRIDOR .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the Union Government has constituted a Group of Ministers for the freight corridor project between Delhi and Mumbai and Delhi and Kolkata;

(b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the estimated cost of these corridors;

(c) The manner in which the resources for these projects are likely to be mobilised;

(d) Whether there is any proposal to establish more corridors in future;

(e) If so, the details thereof;

(f) Whether the Railways have conducted any survey in this regard; and

(g) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Group of Ministers (GOM) has been constituted to consider the proposal of setting up a Special Purpose Vehicle for implementing Dedicated Freight Corridor project. The GOM consists of Minister of Railways, Minister of Finance and Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. The estimated cost of Dedicated Freight Corridor projects on Eastern and Western routes is Rs.22,000 crore.

(c): All possible funding options would be explored including debt, bilateral/multilateral funding, budgetary support, public private partnerships, etc.

(d) to (g): At present, there is no proposal for other dedicated freight corridors.